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SUBJECT: ARA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO HOLD THIS YEAR'S ARA NARCOTICS COORDINATORS CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY, OCT.10-11. WE BELIEVE MEXICO WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE SITE FOR THE CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF THE PRIMARY POSITION OF MEXICO IN NARCOTICS AND THE SCOPE AND WIDE RANGE OF ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS UNDER WAY THERE.
- 2. ATTENDANCE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 60 PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE NARCOTICS COORDINATORS FROM ALL ARA POSTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES. AMBASSADOR VANCE AND MR. SHLAUDEMAN WILL ATTEND. MR. BARTELS IS BEING INVITED.
- 3. SUITABLE CONFERENCE FACILITIES WITH SECURITY WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUIRED. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER DETAILS CAN BE WORKED

OUT ON A CONTINUING BASIS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY, ARA AND THE DESK.

4. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT LEAD TIME THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY CONCURRENCE AS ASOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT DETAILED PLANNING CAN TAKE PLACE. KISSINGER

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